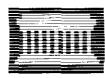
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May 23, 2005

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St., SW, TW-B204 Washington, DC 20554

Re: Applications for Consent to Transfer Control of Filed by Verizon Communications, Inc. and MCI, Inc., WC Docket No. 05-75

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please consider this communication as an indication of support for Verizon's proposed acquisition of MCI. Verizon has been an exemplary corporate employer in Marion County for many years. As their industry has changed, we've noticed they attempt to "stay ahead of the curve" by evaluating their technology infrastructure and investments for the future. We trust that Verizon's decision to acquire MCI will result in a higher level of service, to enterprise and government customers, than either company could provide alone.

Sincerely,

Pamela S. Hall

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President

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